

Targeted support to help you sustain PE and sport for Small Schools

With the national withdrawal of funding for PE and sport it is important that we look to find new ways to sustain and develop high quality PE and school sport. We are delighted to inform you that as part of our strategic response we have been able to secure funding to help small schools in Norfolk access our highly successful NPETCS programme for training TA's to plan and deliver high quality PE. This would potentially provide you with a specialist PE teacher who is embedded in your school – to cover PPA (reducing reliance on costly outside agencies) or to raise standards in physical education and sport across the whole school.

If you are a school which has not previously put forward a teaching assistant for this programme we are able to offer you the full programme with 60% of the costs covered. This would mean that the £400 remaining could be spread over the two financial years. If your school has an appropriate TA to put forward, we are sure that you will see this as a huge opportunity to access a proven programme – investing now to save in the longer-term. TA's trained on the Norfolk PE Teaching Competence Standards (NPETCS) programme are making a huge impact in schools across the county and in fact 85% of all schools who have achieved the High Quality PE Chartermark Award have been driven by candidates from the programme.

The benefit to you as a school of having a highly trained and competent TA, who is enthusiastic and passionate about PE and sport is obvious. We also find that these specialist TA's run after school clubs, events and fixtures – some are now starting to organise cluster / area sports. In the long-term this will give you the ability to develop and sustain a programme of lunch-time, after school clubs and fixtures with your specialist TA making links with community clubs, coaches and other stakeholders to enhance the quality and experience that your pupils receive. If you do not have a suitable candidate at this stage do also consider that there are a significant number of these specialist TA's already in schools and through your cluster it may be possible that schools can work collaboratively to share access to these specialists to enhance the PE experience for your pupils. Contact us to discuss your needs and so that we can sign-post you to schools in your immediate area, who could help, as we are happy to try and broker this level of local support.

A brand new NPETCS course for small schools is being planned to begin in April with a “mentors” session (half-day) in March. The subsidised cost will be £400 only and this cost can be spread over the two financial years (2010/11 and 2011/12) to help budget planning. Past candidates who work in small schools, teach vertical groups, operate out of village halls etc. will form an integral part of the new course – sharing and disseminating best practice and proven practice. The course will also be accredited at Level 3 with the National Open College

Network. This will make it both unique and highly applicable to your school settings.

If you are interested in taking up this offer then please complete the attached booking form to ensure that a place is made available for your TA colleague - a full programme of dates will then be sent through. You can see information, FAQ's about the NPETCS programme on the web-site:

www.schools.norfolk.gov.uk/go/pe

Should you require any more information then do please contact Martin, as detailed below, to discuss this further. We hope that you will see this as a pro-active approach to supporting small schools who could potentially be the hardest hit and will not have large sums of money to invest into infrastructures outside of their immediate locality.

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Norfolk PE Teaching Competence Standards – Primary

2011 Programme for Small Schools

This programme seeks to give Teaching Assistants the knowledge, skills and understanding to teach National Curriculum Physical Education within a safe and challenging teaching environment. Competence will be assessed through the application of key standards, school based assessment, self-assessment and external verification. The programme will allow successful candidates to be awarded the Norfolk PE Teaching Competence Standard – Primary.

Please complete the following details to provisionally book a place for your (NVQ Level 2 or above) TA (s).

Name of School:.....

Headteacher:..... **Number on Roll:**.....

Nominated School Based Mentor for TA (s):.....

Position within school:.....

Name of TA (s):

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We have 2 hours curriculum time for PE

We have a scheme of work for PE

The School will seek to provide additional OSHL as a result of NPETCS

The school will release candidate (s) for all essential modules and activity specific ones and will encourage attendance at other CPD opportunities

The candidate (s) will be time-tabled to help PE across the school to support their development and ability to achieve the NPETCS-Primary.

The school will support the successful candidate to plan and organise regular competitive sporting opportunities appropriate to their setting

Any relevant qualifications to support the individual applicant(s) (eg Coaching awards)

Any relevant experience of organising or delivering PE and sport to young people (eg helping to run school netball team etc)

I understand that places on this course will be limited to 35 and that candidates cannot be expected to take sole responsibility for teaching groups in physical education and sport until they have successfully completed this course. Places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. An initial fee of £200 is required followed by £200 in next financial year (total course cost per delegate spread over two financial years is £400)

Signed:.....*Headteacher* *Date:*.....

Please send this completed form to:
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